

### ??? Frequently Asked Questions ???

Question: What is the Office of the Chief of Armor (OCA)?

Answer: We are the proponent office for the Armor Branch...e.g. we deal with Armor grade structure, Draper, Excellence In Armor, Regimental Guide, and Promotion Board Analysis. Even though we are not the individuals that put you on assignment, we work in conjunction with the Assignment Managers.

Question: Is serving 12 months on a Transition Team considered Branch Developed?

Answer: To be considered Branch Developed a Soldier must serve 18 months or more in a Critical Leadership Position. While service on a Transition Team provides a portion of the requisite skills, it must be combined with time spent as a Tank/Bradley/Vehicle Commander, Platoon Sergeant, or First Sergeant to fully prepare the NCO for service at the next higher grade. Armor Branch goal is a minimum of 18 months combined time in critical leadership positions. More time is always better.

Question: Is serving 12 months in a Combat Theatre considered Branch Developed?

Answer: While service in a Combat Environment provides the requisite skills, Branch Development is shown through several NCOERs in which the Rater shows Excellence/Success through his comments, and the Senior Rater identifies strong potential for immediate promotion and greater responsibility. Armor Branch goal is a minimum of 18 months combined time in critical leadership positions. More time is always better.

Question: Does time spent serving at the next higher leadership position counts toward leadership development time at the current grade? (e.g. 10 months as a tank commander and 8 months as a platoon sergeant would qualify the SSG at the current grade with 18 months of critical leadership time.)

Answer: Time spent as a SSG or SSG(P) serving as a Platoon Sergeant counts toward critical leadership time as long as there is no break between serving in the Platoon Sergeant slot and getting promoted. (This also applies for the 1SG position.)

Question: Does serving 12 months in Korea make me Branch Developed?

Answer: While service in a Korea provides the requisite skills, Branch Development is shown through several NCOERs in which the Rater shows Excellence/Success through his comments, and the Senior Rater identifies strong potential for immediate promotion and greater responsibility. Armor Branch goal is a minimum of 18 months combined time in critical leadership positions. More time is always better.

Question: What is the difference between Branch Developed and branch certified or qualified?

Answer: There is no difference, branch developed is just an updated term.

Question: Where do I find the AEPDG?

Answer: OCOA website>follow this link><http://www.knox.army.mil/center/ocoa/enldevgde.html>

Question: Where can I find information on the centralized promotion board process?

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